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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos 1–7

Part B for October 22

SUBJECT.

Restoration of certain jewels said to have been seized and deposited in the Seringapatam Taluk Treasury belonging to the late Dharendradasee Swamiar of Seringapatam—

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FILE HEADING.

Restoration of certain valuable jewellery said to have been seized & deposited in the Serangapatana Sheristadar's office belonging to late Dharmadarsa Venkatachar

From

K. V. Shallamma, widow of the late Dharmadarsa Venkatachar, Lakshmi Vilas Road, Mysore

No. petn Dated 1. 12. 17 Received

Diary No. 971	Enclos. — Spare Copies.	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Prays to restore that valuable jewellery belonging to the late Dharmadarsa Venkatachar from Ranganatha Swami Temple at Serangapatana which was seized at the time of the latter's death, kept in deposit in the Serangapatana Sheristadar's office, always for which reference or no case has been made out that the jewellery belonged to the temple

NOTES AND ORDERS.

The Secy's order "call for a report with records in the case"

(OD) S. A
7. 12. 17

Submitted. D. C. of Mysore in terms of the above order is called for

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Approved
7/1/18

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2 No. 1671 Dy 26.1.18. To Dy. Comr, Mysore Dist, forwards the above for a report with records.

3. From, the Dy. Comr, Mysore Dist Letter no. 158 Dy 26-11-19 Recommends for reasons given that some precious stones etc. worth about Rs 336-14-0 being the property seized in the presence of the Panchayatdars, after the death in 1902 Dharmadarsi of Venkatachar who had been appointed to supervise the work of Kirita of Sri Kariyamanikya Swami temple at Shringapattana, may be returned to his widow the petr Shallamma.

4 An English memo in the records explains the facts of the case fully.

5 May a Statement be called for giving a description of several stones etc., their value, and the authority to show that it belonged to the late Dharmadarsi?

6 Submit for order.

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6	Mr Venkat Rao will go thro' the whole file & put up a clean note on points personally explained
	29.1.20
7	Points personally explained on which information is required, from a perusal of the Kannada record, are indicated below:— (1) List of articles seized as per Panchayat mahazar in 1902 after the demise of Venkatachar, and secured in a Tin box in the Taluk Treasury. (2) Under whose authority the previous Amildar (now S. N. Hanumantha Rao) opened the Tin box in the Treasury, and what articles were found therein as per Panchayat mahazar then executed!
8	The records were gone through.
9	A list showing the previous stones and pearls seized as per Panchayat mahazar in 1902, is filed with the temple Peshkar's report No. 59 dy 28-2-1902.
10	The Amildar Mr Hanumantha Rao

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	report and the connected records have not been received.
11	(put up) Muz. D. No. 666-17 relating to Ranganadi of Sri Ranganatha Swami temple was looked into, but no information is available therein.
12	May the Dy. Commr be requested to send up a Statement giving particulars of the articles sized in 1902, and stored in the Sri box, and more observed by the Amildar (Mr Hanumantha Rao) when he opened the Sri box in 917, together with the entire records connected with the case? Submitted for orders. 25.2.20 BG 26/2/20
13	The para 10 - The words are necessary & may be retained. para 11 - Reading the interpellation, I think the words there refer to this - The para may be closed by the words at once ufo. 5 -

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para 12. This may be called for.

(Posted) Asstt. 26/2/20

Submits with a Dft. as personally instructed.

27.2.20 27/2/20

4. To, Dy. Comm. Jhansi with. No. 2748 dy. 8.3.20. Requests to send all complete ors. records connected with the case together with his detailed report in the matter.

Dy. Comm. Jhansi Letter no. 5E 4C 6/19 dt. 27.2.20 Submits further report with reference to SC. 4. Since Dy. Comm has submitted Accidents report dt. 5.3.20

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A	relating to the opening [illegible] containing the jewels of [illegible] hills the [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] the jewellery.
B	It is further reported that the preparation of the [illegible] is completed by the [illegible] [illegible] Thiruvalla Kanniyakumari [illegible] the cost of [illegible] of the [illegible] funds Vide G.O. No. 1341-4-7 [illegible] from the Devasthanam [illegible] Sept. 1917 as per [illegible] of [illegible]
	Submitted for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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A typed note of facts is submitted

AG 11.8.21 RA 11/8/21

Put up a tabular Statement showing the Jewels described in (1) the Nishan of 22 Feb 1902 and (2) the Hz Sreenagar Raj Memo of Inspection date d 30 July 1905 and also those in the Lin Dalbi Register with their Value according to the Jewel list.

Put up also a list of the various Jewels that were purchased or otherwise obtained for the preparation of a Kireeta and those actually used for the Kireeta

RJ 29/8/21

AV 29/8/21

Recd 28/8/21

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A tabular statement is submitted as directed together with lists of the precious stones that were purchased or otherwise obtained for the preparation of a Kirita and those actually used for the Kirita.

Submitted.

28.11.22. 31/11/22

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If Can many of the precious stones purchased have been made use of for the Kireetha. And how many ought there to be now?

(2)

The Angelo Wyl is the Value of the Federal List

K, A Statement giving the numbers of Precious Stones K listed and used for Imdi and Sikhamani, and those remaining in the Ranganmeé box, is submitted as directed

B, A bag bearing the seals of the Jahis and Head Watchmen bearing Shallamma is one of the 18 items

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of articles referred to in the Rangamudi box.

Submitted

A.G. 11.3.22. Dy. 11.3.22

Please note clearly on the following points:—

(1) What is the total number of premises stores owned by the Temple, whether let for purposes of Café & otherwise?

(2) How many premises stores, are of these, are on the Mudi & the Sukhanai that have been newly leased?

(3) What is the remaining no of premises stores and where are they?

(4) Can the premises stores belonging to the Temple be

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Demanded for urgent taking into consideration the previous items, found in the name of Sir Sivasamy Venkatachalam Chetty

Query no. 1-

A list of gold and precious stones gifted for Mudi Seva has been received. The total number of precious stones noted therein comes to 59.

The exact no of precious stones if any, purchased, and those already available in the temple can be made out from the records, and if decided, further information will be called for.

Query no. II

The no. of precious stones on the Mudi and Sikamani are 553 as per list.

Query no III

The remaining no of precious stones as per list is 1126.

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were publicly counted in the Jahaz Treasury and put into a box and sealed with the Jahaz & Peshkar's Seal.

Query no. IV

The previous Mwz. Secretary Mr Aravamudiengar who inspected the instn. states as follows:—

"Lists of precious Stones used for the crown and lying loose have also been kept, and there is so far nothing to show that there has been any misappropriation."

"The lists have been examined in detail with the result that there has been an agreement in all essential parts. The few discrepancies in minor detail are nothing but natural in dealing with such a large no. of articles. (Stones separately noticed)."

Submitted for orders.

18.3.22 18/3/22

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	To certain proceedings from the D. Comm. Mysore, without taking into account the pre Slokas found in the house of Kanchipatta Venkatachar, & the previous slokas taken from the temple can be dismissed for want of proof. Dft. Submitted. 20-3-22. Yours Truly
6.	To the Dy. Comm. Mysore No: 5125 dt. 22nd Mar. 22. Enquiries if the jewels of temple have [illegible]
7.	From, the Dy. Comm, Mysore Dt. Letter No. 188 dt. 19.9.22. Submits the further report called for in Sl. 6. [illegible]

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D

The details of the disposal of the Precious Stones. The Auditor reports that it is not possible to say from the records whether all the precious stones have been accounted for.

Secretary

Mysore

28.9.22

Enter in list

4 Jan 23

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Transferred to M.C with letter no. Camp 7/Mis 63-22 dt 2-10-22

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N O T E.

The preparation of a new kiriṭa for the Śrī Raṅganātha Swāmi temple had been entrusted to Parthasāra Venkatachar jointly with 2 others, and these had the possession of all the gems and funds intended for the kiriṭa.

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2. On 20th February 1900, Venkatachar died of plague; and on the 22nd idem, the temple Peshkar, the Police Inspector and others forming a Panchayat proceeded to -- Venkatachar's house and chattra opposite, where he was doing business, and in the -- presence of Krishnaiengar, then Sheristadar of Chitaldrug Taluk and father-in-law of the deceased Venkatachar, seized certain gems, pearls etc., as pertaining to the kiriṭa. The properties seized in the chattra were secured in a box and sent to the Taluk -- Treasury. As regards the properties seized in the house, Krishnaiengar protested that they did not for part of the Kiriṭa materials and offered to keep the amanath in and-out in the Taluk Treasury, pending further enquiry. These properties were then put into a bag which was stitched over with cloth, and sealed with the seals of Śrī Raṅganātha -- Devaru held by the Archaka and of the temple, a slip of paper with the signature of -- Krishnaiengar being also affixed over. This parcel was handed over to Krishnaiengar himself for deposit in the Taluk Treasury. On 27th February Krishnaiengar tendered the sum paid to the Taluk Treasury. The Amildar (Mr. J. Srinivasiah) did not examine the --

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the contents, but simply had the tin dabbi put into the Treasury box and sealed in the presence of Krishniengar.

3. The original of the Mahazar drawn up by the Panchayatdars, is not forthcoming. The file contains a copy certified by Peshkar Ramanna under date 27th February 1902; and in it, the Peshkar has noted that the original was with Parpatheegar Varahaswamy-Iyengar.

4. The question of the preparation of the Kirita, however, continued under the enquiry of the local authorities, in connection with various subsidiary complaints in the matter. In the course of this enquiry, the properties lodged in the Treasury were examined by the Sub Divisional Officer (Mr. K. Srinivasa Rao) on 30th July 1908 in the presence of Krishniengar and on this occasion the contents of the tin dabbi were looked into and after verification with the Mahazar of February 1902, put back again duly sealed.

5. Again in May 1909, the Sub Divisional Officer Mr. C. Narayana Rao examined the properties on the order of the Deputy Commissioner, but as Sheristedar Krishniengar had failed to appear in spite of several notices issued to him, the Sub Divisional Officer refrained from opening the sealed dabbi. Matters were then practically dropped even without any formal report to the Deputy Commissioner.

6. In 1917, Mr. S.V. Hanumantha Rao,

Amildar, took up the question of completing the unfinished Kirita on his own initiative, and on 19th November 1917, he has recorded a Mahazar evidencing that the tin dabbi was opened in the presence of Sheristedar Krishna Iyengar, Kaveripatnam Subbaraya Sastri, -- Namiengar, Parpathegar Lari Manikyam Tirumalachar, and the Archak Srinivasa Ranga Bhatta, and found to contain certain properties estimated as ranging in value from annas two to Rs. 100/- and to the total value of Rs. 336-14-0. These jewels have according to the Mahazar been put back into the Dabbi and lodged in the Treasury.

7. On 4th December 1917, Shellamma, widow of the deceased Venkatachar petitioned -- Government urging that the precious stones and pearls seized from the house in February 1908 and lodged in the Treasury, were all the personal properties of her husband, who was himself a dealer in precious stones and jewellery, and praying therefore that the articles in question might be handed over to her.

8. On the petition being referred to the Deputy Commissioner for enquiry, the Amildar in April 1918 recommended that the properties in the tin dabbi lodged in the Treasury, -- might be given away to Shellamma. The Sub Divisional officer having concurred with the Amildar, the Deputy Commissioner has requested sanction of Government in the matter.

9. One M.V. Gopalakrishniengar claiming to be the son of Venkatachar has also petitioned Government praying for the deliver

delivery of the properties in question to him.

9. The action of the Amildar Mr. Hanumanta Rao in having taken upon himself the preparation of the Kirita, has formed the subject of an independent enquiry, and the question has been finally disposed of by a separate Order of Government.

10. So far as the present case is concerned, the articles now in the tin dabbi tendered in the Treasury have to be verified with those described in the original Mahazar of 22nd February 1902, and those described in the memo of inspection by Mr. K. Srinivasa Rao on 30th July 1905, and this can be done satisfactorily only by a personal inspection of the properties.

11. Shellamma in her petition does not refer to any son of her deceased husband. She says that at the time of Venkatachar's death, she was a young girl of 12. The claim of K.V. Gopalakrishniengar therefore calls for enquiry with reference to his relationship to the deceased, and his right to the property of the latter.